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PROGRESS OF FM RADIO STATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware of the slow progress made in theinstallation of FM Stations in the country, particularly in Manjeri (Kerala);

(b) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken for early completion of such projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a)&(b): There are a few FM projects including Manjeri where the progresshas been slow. Some of the main reasons for slow progress of projects are:

i) Delay in handing over of site.
ii) Slow progress of civil work.
iii) Delay in supplies of equipment.
iv) Local law and Order problem

In the case of Manjeri, the site was handed over by the State Governmentonly in February, 1997. Progress of civil works has also been slow. Technical area of the building is expected to be ready by August 2000.

(c): The projects are being closely monitored. The matter regarding delay insupply of equipment is being vigorously pursued with the firms concerned. Frequent site visits/inspections are carried out by senior officers to identifythe bottleneck at the spot and remedial measures are taken accordingly.